

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has maintained the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph based upon the contended lack of deposit of the recited cell lines. Upon indication of allowable subject matter herein, applicants will make any required deposits in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.803.

Rejections Based On Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claim 1, contending that the claim is unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,361,771 B1 (“the ‘771 patent”). The Examiner has indicated that a showing that the conflicting inventions are commonly owned will obviate this rejection. Accordingly, applicants have attached hereto Appendix B which is a the cover page for United States Patent Application Serial Number 6,361,771 and Appendix C which is a copy of the Assignment recorded in the pending application. Applicants note that both the ‘771 patent and the pending application are owned by Neurotech S.A. In addition, applicants stand ready to file a terminal disclaimer upon indication that the claims are in condition for Allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,361,771 B1 (“the ‘771 patent”). Specifically, the Examiner contends that the ‘771 patent teaches “ARPE-19 comprising an expression vector coding for” various polypeptides. Applicants have filed herewith a declaration under Rule 1.131 demonstrating that the date of invention by the inventor Weng Tao precedes the filing date of the ‘771 patent. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims, as amended are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A

Claim Amendments in Bracket and Underline Form

24. (Three Times Amended) A method of producing a therapeutic polypeptide to treat primary or secondary ophthalmologic or neurological disorders, comprising incubating [cells of] a mammalian retinal pigment epithelial cell line wherein the cell line is selected from the group comprising hRPE-7, hRPE-116 and ARPE-19 in a biological compatible medium such that the cell line produces the polypeptide and wherein [the cells of] the cell line comprises an expression vector comprising a polynucleotide coding for a polypeptide selected from the group comprising BDNF, NT-4, CNTF, Axokine, FGF-2 (bFGF), IGF I, IGF II, TGF β -II, Midkine, IL-1 β , TNF, NGF, IL-2/3, ILF, IL-6, NTN, Neublastin, VEGF, GDNF, PDGF, LEDGF and PEDF.
37. (Three Times Amended) The cell line IO/JG2/1, deposited under I-1695 on April 18, 1996 in the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Micro-organismes held by the [Institute] Institut Pasteur, Paris France.

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(54) **ARPE-19 AS A PLATFORM CELL LINE FOR
ENCAPSULATED CELL-BASED DELIVERY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

ARPE-19 cells were evaluated as a platform cell line for encapsulated and un-encapsulated cell-based delivery technology. ARPE-19 cells were found to be hardy (the cell line is viable under stringent conditions, such as in central nervous system or intra-ocular environment); can be genetically modified to secrete the protein of choice; has a long life span; is of human origin; has good in vivo device viability; delivers efficacious quantity of growth factor; triggers no or low level host immune reaction, and is non-tumorigenic.

14 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets

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